



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5257

LCO No. 2961

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL AND DRUG-
TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN INMATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "disabled" means the inability to engage in any substantial
3 gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or
4 mental impairment that can be expected to result in death or be of
5 long-continued and indefinite duration.
- 6 (b) Any person who has been convicted of a felony and committed
7 to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for a term of
8 incarceration and who is not disabled, shall be required to work for at
9 least forty-eight hours per week, as provided in section 18-88 of the
10 general statutes.
- 11 (c) Any person who has been convicted of a felony and committed
12 to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for a term of
13 incarceration and who is not disabled, shall be required to participate
14 in a course of academic or vocational study for at least twelve hours
15 per week, four hours of which shall be spent in courses, programs or

16 activities administered by the commissioner pursuant to sections 18-
17 99a and 18-99b of the general statutes.

18 (d) Any person who has been convicted of a felony and committed
19 to the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for a term of
20 incarceration, shall be required to submit to random urinalysis drug
21 tests. Such tests shall be randomly administered to each such person
22 not less than once a month. Any such person who has submitted to a
23 urinalysis drug test that produced a positive result may request that a
24 second urinalysis drug test be administered to confirm the results of
25 the first test.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To require convicted felons who are incarcerated to work for forty-eight hours per week, engage in academic or vocational study for twelve hours per week and pass random drug tests.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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